

# THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

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[THE editor begs to convey in a few words some general information to the secretaries and correspondents of the different branches of the Guild of St. Barnabas. Owing to our limited space, not more than two hundred and fifty words are desired in reports of meetings, and it will be necessary for each branch to be represented in turn. It is therefore requested that the meetings of several months shall be consolidated in one report. Reports should be sent in by the *first* of the month, and it is hoped that we may hear from all our branches. We are now settling down in our department of the JOURNAL, and by the exercise of attention to matters of business and, above all, by the blessing which we pray may attend our work, we shall hope for the best results.—ED.]

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## BOSTON

SEVERAL interesting events have taken place since our last letter. First came the consecration on December 19 of our chaplain as Bishop of the Philippines. This event took place in Emanuel Church and was most imposing, the procession of two hundred clergy being a thing long to be remembered. The guild was especially invited to the ceremony and had a place reserved for it. May God prosper our missionary bishop and his work.

The next event was our Christmas party, which was held at St. Stephen's and was a great success, being graced by the presence of Father Osborne, the founder of the guild.

At the January meeting the Rev. Thacher Kimball presided, as we had no chaplain. The Rev. Ellis Bishop was unanimously elected chaplain. A letter of thanks was read from Bishop Brent for the handsome missionary's medical outfit presented by the guild. At this meeting the retiring Executive Committee named their successors, for whom a single ballot was cast. The names are as follows: Miss Sargent, Miss Goodwin, Miss Means, Miss Durand, Miss Finley, Miss Morris, Miss Woods, Miss G. M. Hunt.

The February meeting was held at Trinity by invitation of the Rev. Edward Bornecamp. It was proposed and unanimously voted that some token of remembrance for the Rev. H. M. Torbert be given to the settlement work on Garland Street, in which he was much interested.

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## BROOKLYN BRANCH

THE regular monthly meetings of the Guild of St. Barnabas continue to be held at Grace Church, Dr. Burgess having continued the hospitality extended by the Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, the former rector and priest associate of the guild. Both these rectors have since become bishops, and Bishop Burgess, whom we now recognize as the Bishop of Long Island, claims our allegiance. Owing

to the limited space but few members of the guild were able to obtain tickets of admission for the consecration.

On Wednesday evening, February 6, eleven nurses graduated at the chapel of St. John's Hospital. The supervisor, nurses, and physicians entered in procession, the choir and nurses singing the processional hymn. After a brief service conducted by the chaplain, the Rev. U. T. Tracey, Dr. H. B. Delatour, the president of the faculty of the hospital, presented the nurses to Bishop Burgess, who greeted them with a few well-chosen words. The bishop then bestowed the diplomas upon the nurses, after which Dr. Arnold Wells Catlin, a member of the faculty, made the address. Refreshments were served in the dining-room of the hospital, and the nurses and their friends repaired to the lecture-room on the ground floor to enjoy dancing, etc.

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#### GRACE BRANCH, CHICAGO

THE annual meeting of St. Barnabas Guild of Grace Church, Chicago, was held Monday, February 3, at eight p.m., at the Parish House. Rev. George Wright, of St. Luke's Hospital, was recommended to Bishop Whitehead for chaplain of the branch for the ensuing year. The terms of the various officers having expired, a committee was chosen to nominate members to fill the vacancies. This ticket will be voted upon at the March meeting. There is a renewed interest in the guild, which we hope will prove profitable to its busy workers.

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#### HARTFORD, CONN.

THE January meeting of the guild was on the evening of the 9th. We began with a beautiful service in Trinity Church, which was still hung with its Christmas greens, and the lesson, address from our chaplain, and the hymns were all appropriate to the Epiphany-tide. Two new members, Miss Coombs and Miss White, were admitted. After the service, supper, and a large bran-pudding, which furnished plums for all, were served in the beautiful Parish Room. There were fifty present, counting a few guests, one of the largest meetings we have had.

The service February 5 was at three p.m. at Christ Church Chapel, and the address was given by the chaplain on the gospel for the week. Miss Lindwood was admitted to membership. The business and social meetings were held at 15 Church Street, and we there had the pleasure of a most interesting address from the Rev. F. W. Merrill, of Oneida, Wis., who not only told of the work there, but showed interesting pictures and samples of beautiful lace work made by the Indians on that reservation.

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#### NEW YORK BRANCH

SINCE January the regular monthly meetings, held on the first Monday of each month at three-thirty p.m., have been merely meetings of the Executive Committee, composed of five members and five associates, with the chaplain, *ex-officio*, as chairman. We have had two interesting church services this winter, but your correspondent cannot learn of any arrangements made for the coming months. The service and reception held at St. James's Church January 20 were most enjoyable. The rector, the Rev. Walpole Warren, addressed us on the subject, among others, of allowing pastors to visit the patients under our care, and urged our thus ministering to their spiritual wants as well as their physical,

and he offered to supply each member of the guild (if not previously furnished by the chaplain) with a pocket Bible to carry in her satchel to cases. One new member, Miss Madden, was admitted, and we had the pleasure of welcoming a Newport member staying in our city for a time. The New York City Training-School was well represented at this meeting.

A "committee of three" found a home at Shelton, Conn., near Bridgeport, which they could obtain for the price of the mortgage (over one thousand dollars) and use as a vacation home for nurses. They propose charging nurses three dollars and fifty cents per week, and the chaplain will send each member a letter informing her of the home and asking contributions for the same. A party is to be given during Easter Week for the same purpose at the residence of Mrs. J. R. Hall.

Applications for accommodations should be made to the secretary far enough in advance to admit of proper arrangements being made at the home.

#### ORANGE

OUR January meeting was held on the 30th at St. Mark's Church, West Orange. An address was made by the rector, the Rev. F. W. Reazor. The near approach of Lent offered an opportunity for some earnest, helpful words. A short business meeting followed, at which it was decided that, every member having a calendar to serve as a reminder of coming meetings, no postal cards shall for the future be sent out, unless for some special occasion. A most enjoyable reception was then held in the rectory by the rector and his wife. We are now meeting on every Thursday to sew for the sick relief fund fair, and are privileged to use the new Alice Broome Memorial Parish House, which was opened February 8, and permitted our giving a reception on the 10th in honor of our chaplain-general. Seldom has there been such a gathering of nurses, and most gratifying was the announcement that the Isolation Infirmary, for which we have so long striven, is, in the near future, to be an accomplished fact. The ground has been ceded by the Board of Governors of the Training-School, with the promise from them of over one thousand dollars. A scheme was immediately set on foot to secure the coöperation of the nurses themselves, who are to be the chief beneficiaries. It remains now to be seen how soon the plans can be executed which have been already drawn up for a most complete little building of two stories. The upper floor can only be reached by an outside stairway, so that there can be no communication between the two floors, on which different diseases will be treated.

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#### PROVIDENCE

THE monthly meeting of the guild was held at St. Stephen's Church on Thursday, February 4. The Rev. F. R. Bassell, rector of the Church of the Redeemer, was received as a priest associate, also Miss Mary Peck as an associate. The business meeting was held in the Parish House. The Committee on Entertainments reported the sum of seventy dollars realized from the musicale given on January 31.

The guild voted to send fifteen dollars to the Oneida Reservation, Wisconsin, towards the payment of the salary of the nurse in the hospital there.

Mrs. Chase, of Central Falls, sent to the guild a number of beautiful dolls which the members and associates volunteered to dress for St. Mary's Orphanage, East Providence.

The business meeting was followed by tea, after which Dr. W. L. Monroe addressed the guild on the duties and obligations of the nurse.

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#### TRINITY BRANCH, CHICAGO

THE usual monthly meeting of the Guild of St. Barnabas was held in the Parish House on Monday, February 3. Owing to the extreme severity of the weather only fourteen members were present. The Rev. N. N. Wilson, D.D., acting chaplain, presided. A short business meeting was held. One new medical associate was unanimously chosen, Dr. Lucas, who is in attendance at the dispensary of the Sisters of St. Mary. Mrs. Bouchiere, secretary of the sick benefit fund, then proposed that a reading should be given in the Parish House to raise money for the sick-fund. The suggestion was unanimously agreed to, and Mrs. Bouchiere and the Entertainment Committee were authorized to do as they thought best in arranging an entertainment for Saturday evening, February 22. After the business session Dr. Wieland gave a most humorous and delightful account of a bicycle trip to Europe, which was listened to with the greatest interest. Refreshments were then served, after which the meeting adjourned.

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#### WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE Washington Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses gave an entertainment on January 20 at St. John's Parish Hall. A committee of three, one associate and two active members, arranged for and secured the services of Curtis G. Morse, humorist and impersonator, of Boston, who gave to a very appreciative audience a charming programme of miscellaneous character sketches, selections from "David Harum," and other old men's character parts, which were much enjoyed. Dr. McKay Smith gave the use of the hall, and a kindly interest was shown by both members and friends of the guild. The receipts were about seventy-five dollars. Owing to so many of the nurses being out we did not realize all from our efforts that we might have looked for, every nurse on the roll being out at this writing.

